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Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 11:07 AM
To: Griffin, Lisa; Lundregan, Scott; Myers, Marisa; Best, Carolyn
Subject: Right-to-Work talking points for review
Attachments: Right-to-work.docx

Attached -- thank you!

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RIGHT-TO-WORK

Talking to public and private employers and employees, labor unions

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From: Michalowski, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2018 11:09 AM
To: Best, Carolyn; Adams, Alexandra; Westlake, Libby; Slack, Cora
Subject: Re: PR ALERT: Becker Janus Statement (sending at 11)

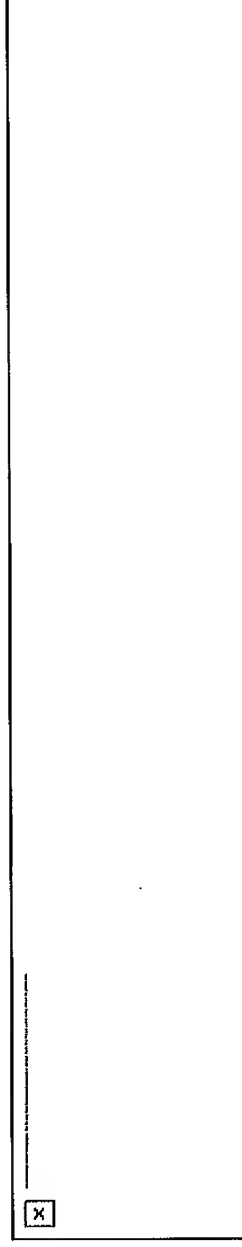
I suggest changing the grammatical construction in the second paragraph, as reflected below. Thanks again!

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----- Original message -----

From: "Best, Carolyn" <Carolyn.Best@ohiohouse.gov>
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To: "Adams, Alexandra" <Alexandra.Adams@ohiohouse.gov>, "Westlake, Libby" <Libby.Westlake@ohiohouse.gov>, "Slack, Cora" <Cora.Slack@ohiohouse.gov>
Cc: "Michalowski, Joe" <Joe.Michalowski@ohiohouse.gov>
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For Immediate Release:

Contact: Joe Michalowski

July 3, 2018

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Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Westlake, Libby; Best, Carolyn; Slack, Cora; Adams, Alexandra
Subject: RE: ALERT: Media Advisory - Rep. Becker
Attachments: 7-2-18 Becker Janus Press Release.docx; 7-2-18 Becker Enhanced DL Press Release.docx

Good evening,

Rep. Becker has approved both of these press releases. If the Associated Press isn't included in the usual list for our local and state media, he would like to send the Janus press release to the AP as well. Thank you so much!

I hope each of you enjoys a well-deserved holiday!

Joe Michalowski

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Subject: RE: ALERT: Media Advisory - Rep. Becker

I can do this one.

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Alexandra <Alexandra.Adams@ohiohouse.gov>

Subject: RE: ALERT: Media Advisory - Rep. Becker

Thanks again for working with us on this media advisory. Rep. Becker would like to send a press release celebrating the occasion of his receiving one of the first "compliant" driver's licenses (via mail) issued at the Milford BMV this morning. Happy Independence Day!

Joe Michalowski

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From: Michalowski, Joe

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2018 3:46 PM

To: Crock, Sarah <Sarah.Crock@ohiohouse.gov>; Westlake, Libby <Libby.Westlake@ohiohouse.gov>; Miller, Brad <Brad.Miller@ohiohouse.gov>; Best, Carolyn <Carolyn.Best@ohiohouse.gov>; Slack, Cora <Cora.Slack@ohiohouse.gov>; Adams, Alexandra <Alexandra.Adams@ohiohouse.gov>

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Yes Sarah, that's the Milford location. Thank you so much!

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Hi Joe,

I can send out an updated media advisory. Can you confirm the information below please?

WHERE: Milford BMV
1007 Lila Ave
Milford, OH 45150

Sarah Crock
LSC Fellow '18
Majority Communications
Ohio House of Representatives
(614) 466-5007

From: Michalowski, Joe
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Subject: RE: ALERT: Media Advisory - Rep. Becker

Good afternoon,

Thank you so much for preparing this media advisory. Rep. Becker has always gone to the Batavia location for his BMV services, but he thought it may be better to hold the event at the Milford location, which is in our district, unlike the Batavia location.

I spoke with Molly at the BMV, and she said it shouldn't be a problem from the BMV's perspective to move the event location. Would it be wise to revise the location (same time) of the event in the media advisory, or is it rare to change the location like this? Please forgive us for any confusion.

Sincerely,

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Adding Joe and also adding that I will send at 9:30.

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My first media advisory ☺ Let me know if I missed anything.



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June 29, 2018

Contact: Joe Michalowski
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Media Advisory:

Rep. John Becker to be Among the First to Receive Compliant Driver's License

COLUMBUS—State Representative John Becker (R-Union Township, Clermont County) will be among the first to sign up for Ohio's updated, compliant driver's license that will allow card holders to access federal facilities and will suffice as identification for certain flights.

WHO: State Representative John Becker

WHERE: Batavia BMV
457 W Main St.
Batavia, OH 45103

WHEN: (different font) Monday, July 2, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

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July 2, 2018

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"The process of getting Ohio's new compliant driver's license remains quick and easy to obtain, and it is more secure than in the past," said Rep. Becker. "This new process puts Ohio on the road to serving drivers better," Becker stated.

Because of newly instituted reforms at the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Rep. Becker will receive his new license in the mail in no more than 10 days, rather than immediately upon its issue. The BMV deputy registrar issues a temporary license to the motorist to ensure that they can drive uninterrupted. Ohio joins forty-one other states in the nation to make this change, which is expected to make the system more secure and to comply with federal regulations.

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For more information, please contact Joe Michalowski at (614) 466-8134 or Rep65@ohiohouse.gov

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To: Westlake, Libby; Best, Carolyn; Slack, Cora; Adams, Alexandra
Subject: FW: Press Release - Janus

Also, Rep. Becker would like to send this press release today, with the possibility that this could be expanded into a guest editorial in the future.

While the effect of the Janus decision is excellent news for employers and workers across Ohio, the unfortunate precedent of judicial activism which makes the process necessary should end. Thank you!

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Joe,

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Vetted, Tested, and Proven!

"Becker has a legitimate claim as the state's most conservative legislator," according to The [Cleveland] Plain Dealer (September 2017).

"Rep. John Becker, suburban Cincinnati Republican... [holds] the unofficial title as the General Assembly's most conservative lawmaker," proclaimed the Columbus Dispatch (September 2015).

Becker wins prestigious William Wilberforce Leadership Award (April 2015).

"GOP Ohio House freshman Becker is no shrinking violet," headlined the Columbus Dispatch (December 2014).

"Becker...is arguably the most conservative member of the Ohio House," said The Cincinnati Enquirer (January 2014).

Ranked as a top tier "most archconservative" by the Columbus Dispatch (September 2013).

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From: Flasher, Kim
Sent: Friday, July 13, 2018 3:19 PM
To: House_All
Subject: Legislative Conferences and Travel
Attachments: Travel Request Form.docx

Memo to: All House Members
From: Speaker Ryan Smith
Date: July 13, 2018
Re: Legislative Conferences Annual Meetings

As you may know, the Ohio General Assembly pays dues to several National Legislative Conferences such as NCSL, CSG, and ALEC. As these organizations begin holding their annual meetings, several of you may be interested in attending.

In the past, the House has allowed a limited number of Members to attend with a set expenditure reimbursement from the State permitted. This year, the House will approve any Member who would like to attend ONE national meeting and will cover the conference registration fees. The Member is liable for all remaining expenses. Such expenses may be covered through personal or campaign funds.

It is advised that you consult with your caucus Legal Counsel before utilizing campaign funds toward any travel.

If you would like to register for one of the annual meetings, please complete the attached "Request for Travel Form" and return it to Kim Flasher in the Administrative Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Kim. Thank you.

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From: Westlake, Libby
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Best, Carolyn
Subject: RE: Talking Points

Here's the section on HB 631:

House Bill 631 (Hughes/Patterson, referred to committee 5/15/2018)

- Makes a number of reforms to Ohio's laws regarding amusement ride operation and safety
- Revises current safety inspection standards, defines the qualifications for ride inspectors, and requires ride owners to maintain current records for all amusement rides
- Known as "Tyler's Law" in honor of Tyler Jarrell who lost his life after an amusement ride malfunctioned at the Ohio State Fair in July 2017

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Subject: Talking Points

Hi everyone,

I think I have solidified a plan/template for summer talking points. Attached you'll find an example for the topic of School Safety. Below is a list of resources and topic assignments. As you work through these, just let me know if you think we need to change a topic or a make a sub topic.

Content is key here, rather than presentation just because we don't have much time at all. This will be our main priority for the next week. I will make Scott aware that we'll be sending these to policy and we need feedback ASAP. If you are not hearing back from someone please let me know. Just text me/email/call me if you have any questions about bills/rhetoric as you're going through these... again, we need to get these done quickly.

To keep things moving, I think it's best we fill these in and have policy review after... here is how I envision the process going...

Process:

- 1) Comms creates one-pagers
- 2) Sends each draft to policy person
- 3) Alex/team finalizes design/presentation
- 4) Carolyn sends to Scott/Shawn/Brad for final edits
- 5) Comms final edits
- 6) Send to members

Resources:

- 1) Sent file in drive (search key words)
- 2) Snapshots
- 3) Templates
- 4) Press releases
- 5) PSAs
- 6) News articles
- 7) Talking points saved in drive
- 8) Bills signed by governor

Topics:

Libby

- 2nd Amendment
- Agriculture
- Right to Work
- Workers Comp (BWC rebates)
- Local Government
- Elections

Carolyn

- School Safety
- School safety (mental health component; bullying, suicide)
- Economic Development
- Unemployment Compensation
- Budget

- Pro-Life
- General Accomplishments

Alex

- Dogs/animals
- Redistricting/Voting machines
- Lake Erie/environment

Cora

- Civil Justice/Crime (reagan totes, hughes bill, telemarketing law)
- Military/Veterans

Sarah

- Education/E-Schools
- Utilities
- Opioid Epidemic
- Health
- Transportation/Transportation Budget

Thanks guys!

Carolyn Best

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Also check the I Drive: Committee Info and Bill Briefings.... It's been helpful to check specific committee folders for each of my topics.

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SCHOOL SAFETY

Who he told: Talking to teachers, parents, superintendents, students and school board members...

What he said: *In light of recent events, the Ohio House has prioritized ensuring that schools are better prepared for dangerous and deadly attacks. This topic elicits a varied amount of emotional responses and it is imperative that we look at this issue from all sides and keep schools and parents part of the conversation to keep every Ohio student safe.*

Bill title with sponsor and effective date:

- **Bill title:** School Safety

Senate Bill 226 Bacon, effective 3/30)

- Creates an annual back-to-school sales tax holiday
- Included a provision to give educational service centers (ESC) the authority to levy a property tax to fund school security and mental health services
- Upholding local control, the bill will allow an individual school district to decide if it needs additional funds for the purpose of school safety

House Bill 318 (Patterson/LaTourette, concurred 6/27)

- Establishes qualifications and training requirements for school resource officers (SRO) and permits SROs to provide a specified range of services to school districts and schools.
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- The training program areas including: communication techniques that will enhance positive interaction between the student and officer, understanding the psychological characteristics consistent with the age of a student, de-escalation strategies, and instruction on school facility security needs and features. Additionally, the program will highlight approaches to encourage a drug free environment.
- Includes grant (confirm amount)

House Bill 383 (Carfagna, Passed House 6/26)

- Requires any child care providers licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to notify parents if ODJFS determines that the provider allowed serious risk to a child's safety.
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SMITH CLIPS



LAWMAKERS UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE FUTURE OF RIGHT TO WORK BILLS IN POST-JANUS OHIO

As the dust was still settling on the last voting session day for the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate, leaders of both chambers fielded questions about another major piece of news occurring while they were busy passing legislation; the Janus v. AFSCME decision made by the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS).



SMITH APPLAUDS BILL PASSAGE PROTECTING PASTORS, CLEAN LAKE PLAN

Speaker of the Ohio House Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) has applauded the passage of Senate Bill 299, or the "Clean Lake 2020 Plan," and House Bill 36, or the "Ohio Pastor Protection Act," by the Ohio House of Representatives.

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Ohio's Republican-led Legislature is preparing to temporarily relax academic performance standards on a virtual school that took in thousands of students from a now-shuttered competitor.

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Pharmacy middlemen are charging Ohio taxpayers three to six times as much to process prescription drugs for the poor and disabled as the industry standard.

OHIO LEGISLATURE SENDS PACKAGE OF E-SCHOOL BILLS TO KASICH

With ECOT closed and other Ohio e-schools still struggling to verify the enrollment numbers used to pay them, state legislators sent a package of proposals to Gov. John Kasich aimed at clarifying the basis for paying the schools.

PASTOR PROTECTION ACT PASSES OVER DISCRIMINATION CONCERNS

A Pastor Protection Act that supporters say upholds religious freedom but critics call unnecessary and discriminatory against gay couples was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday.

LAW FIRM THAT CLEARED LEGISLATOR ALSO GAVE HIM CASH

The Ohio House of Representatives regularly has turned to the law firm of Taft, Stettinius & Hollister when in need of an outside investigator.

SEXTING BILL LOOKS TO GIVE TEENS A BREAK FOR BAD CHOICE

Not wanting to hammer all teens with harsh penalties when they are caught sending nude photographs, the Ohio House voted unanimously on Wednesday to support a lesser penalty for young first-time offenders.

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OHIO HOUSE VOTES TO REQUIRE DRIVERS TO MOVE OVER FOR TRASH TRUCKS

A measure to require drivers to "move over" when passing trash trucks with flashing lights was approved by the Ohio House on Wednesday on a 84-0 vote.

OHIO LAWMAKERS VOTE TO RAISE MARRIAGE AGE AFTER DAYTON DAILY NEWS INVESTIGATION

Following a Dayton Daily News investigation into thousands of minors getting married in Ohio, lawmakers on Wednesday voted to raise the marriage age to 18 and allow 17-year-olds to marry under some conditions.

OHIO TEACHERS MAY FACE MORE TRAINING ON YOUTH SUICIDE RISKS

Teachers and other public school workers would be required to be trained on the signs that a youth may be at risk of suicide, under a bill that passed the Ohio House on Wednesday by a 82-0 vote.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO SENATE DEMOCRATS PUSH FOR PAYDAY LENDING VOTE: REPUBLICANS SCRAMBLE TO SHUT IT DOWN

Democrats on a committee vetting a proposal to restrict payday loans tried to advance the measure to the full Senate on Wednesday, but the Republican majority successfully defeated the effort.

OHIO LAWMAKERS OK \$114.5 MILLION FOR NEW VOTING MACHINES

Help is on the way to replace Ohio's aging voting machines.

SCHOOLS THAT TOOK IN ECOT KIDS WIN 'SAFE HARBOR' FROM PENALTIES FOR BAD GRADES

ECOT students were so far behind other students that schools taking them in deserve a "safe harbor" from damage to their grades, the Ohio legislature decided Wednesday.

OHIO LEGISLATURE PASSES BLOCKCHAIN LEGISLATION

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

OHIO LAWMAKERS PASS WAVE OF BILLS HEADING INTO SUMMER BREAK: CAPITOL LETTER

Wrapping up: On their final session day before the Ohio General Assembly heads into summer break, both chambers passed dozens of bills during marathon sessions that lasted well into Wednesday evening.

SARAH LATOURETTE A RISING STAR IN OHIO HOUSE: BRENT LARKIN

Sarah LaTourette was afraid to tell her father.

THE ENQUIRER

GRAB A BEER WITH MAN'S BEST FRIEND: OHIO EXPECTED TO ALLOW DOGS ON PATIOS

In the middle of the dog days of summer or after a "ruff" time at work, you'll soon be able to sip a Bud – or maybe some hair of the dog – with man's best friend, thanks to a bill passed by Ohio lawmakers to allow dogs on outdoor patios.

THIS U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION MIGHT HAVE FORCED OHIO INTO 'RIGHT-TO-WORK'

Remember that bitter fight against Ohio's Senate Bill 5? A U.S. Supreme Court decision just upended part of it.

PAYDAY LENDING: NO VOTE ON CONTROVERSIAL BILL FOR NOW

Ohio lawmakers won't place any more restrictions on the payday lending industry for now – slowing down a bill that sped through one chamber following an FBI probe into its leader's travel with lobbyists.

THE BLADE

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STATE LAWMAKERS APPROVE LAKE ERIE FUNDING BILL

As the annual peak season for toxic algal blooms on Lake Erie approaches, lawmakers on Wednesday finalized a bipartisan measure putting \$36 million more in state funds behind efforts to tackle the issue even as critics argue that just throwing more money at the problem isn't the answer.

LAST MINUTE BILLS MOVE IN OHIO HOUSE, SENATE

In their rush for the door for the summer, the Ohio House and Senate on Wednesday voted on more than 50 bills, with some headed for the governor's signature.

BILL PROTECTING E-SCHOOL HEADS TO GOVERNOR

A bill shielding what is now Ohio's largest online school and its sponsor from the negative consequences of accepting thousands of former Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow students is headed to Gov. John Kasich for his signature.

EDITORIAL: PAYDAY LENDING FIASCO

Clamping down on predatory lenders, who charge Ohioans the highest interest rates in the nation, should not require a constitutional amendment, but apparently it's going to.

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Good morning!

Attached are snaps and bill assignments for this week. THIS LIST IS TENTATIVE. Some discussion is still taking place regarding certain bills, and I have highlighted those in green. I also attempted to narrow the list as much as possible, focusing on certain /topics bills, so I encourage everyone to get started on those today because it will be important to cover these. Be prepared for a busy week!

We'll talk more later today. Let me know if you have questions.

Thanks!

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Policy Department

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Caucus 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Caucus 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Session: 11:00 AM

Bills for Third Consideration

- **House Bill 7** – Rep. Cupp – Reported out of Civil Justice (11-2, Dever)
 - *Address medical claims and provider immunities*
- **House Bill 51** – Rep. Faber – Reported out of State and Local Government (8-6, Anielski, Arndt)
 - *Review and sunset cabinet departments*
- **House Bill 92** – Rep. Schaffer – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Require public indecency before minors offenders to register*
- **House Bill 156** – Rep. Schuring – Reported out of Insurance (11-0)
 - *Address vision care insurance limits*
- **House Bill 189** – Rep. Roegner, Reece – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (10-4, party line)
 - *Change Cosmetology Licensing Law*
- **House Bill 211** – Rep. Hughes – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor (12-2, Hood, Dean)
 - *License home inspectors*
- **House Bill 240** – Rep. Barnes – Reported out of Higher Education and Workforce Development (12-0)
 - *Require state higher ed to adopt sex offense policies*
- **House Bill 293** – Rep. Scherer, Sheehy – Reported out of Transportation and Public Safety (11-3, Manning)
 - *Alter time periods pertaining to new drivers*

- **House Bill 349** – Reps. LaTourette – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Increase and expand crime of assaulting a police animal*
- **House Bill 355** – Reps. Hill, Rezabek – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Prohibits sexting if under 21 but allows diversion from penalty*
- **House Bill 371** – Rep. Merrin – Reported out of Ways and Means (15-3, Green, Hambley)
 - *Exempt increased value of subdivided land until building starts*
- **House Bill 386** – Reps. Henne, Kelly – Reported out of FIHUD (12-0)
 - *Modify credit reporting agency fees for a credit report freeze*
- **House Bill 394** – Rep. Rezabek – Reported out of Criminal Justice (10-3, Butler, Cupp, Hughes)
 - *Revise juvenile procedures*
- **House Bill 425** – Reps. Antani, Craig – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)
 - *Declare police body camera recordings not to be public records*
- **House Bill 469** – Reps. Schuring, Patton – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)
 - *Grant tax credit for transformational mixed use development*
- **House Bill 479** – Reps. Lipps, West – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)
 - *Disclose drug price information to patients*
- **House Bill 480** – Rep. Hill – Reported out of Civil Justice (11-0)
 - *Establish requirements for multi-parcel auctions*
- **House Bill 497** – Reps. Rogers, Manning – Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (13-1, Vitale)
 - *Prohibit disseminating private sexual images*
- **House Bill 500** – Rep. Carfagna – Reported out of State and Local Government (14-0)
 - *Change township law*
- **House Bill 502** – Rep. Anielski – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (19-0)
 - *Train public school educators about youth suicide*
- **House Bill 504** – Rep. Pelanda – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor (10-1, Dean)
 - *Regards interior designers*

- **House Bill 511** – Reps. Lanese, Rogers – Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (11-0)
 - *Change age at which can marry*
- **House Bill 540** – Reps. Gavarone, Manning – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (17-2, Hood)
 - *Regards teacher evaluations*
- **House Bill 543** – Reps. Perales, Hambley – Reported out of State and Local Government (11-0)
 - *Allow prosecutor to contract to give outside legal advice*
- **House Bill 551** -- Reps. Perales, Romanchuk – Pending in Economic Development, Commerce and Labor
 - *Regarding hazardous occupations prohibited for minors and providing training to certain minors employed in a construction or manufacturing occupation*
- **House Bill 557** – Rep. Anielski – Reported out of Health (13-3, Butler, Merrin, Romanchuk)
 - *License and regulate art therapists*
- **House Bill 572** – Reps. Scherer, Howse – Reported out of Aging and Long-Term Care (11-0)
 - *Regards PERS service credit for nonteaching DD board employees*
- **House Bill 595** – Reps. Cupp, Rezabek – Reported out of Civil Justice (12-0)
 - *Revise law of wills, trusts, and suspicious deaths*
- **Senate Bill 66** – Sens. Eklund, Tavares – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Modify criminal sentencing and corrections law*
- **Senate Bill 81** – Sen. Terhar – Reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security (10-1)
 - *Revise licensing rules for military personnel concealed carry*
- **Senate Bill 127** – Sen. LaRose – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (10-0)
 - *Require actions when driver approaches waste collection vehicle*
- **Senate Bill 216** – Sen. Huffman – Pending in Education and Career Readiness
 - *To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs*
- **Senate Bill 220** – Sens. Hackett, Bacon – Pending in Government Accountability and Oversight

- *To provide a legal safe harbor to covered entities that implement a specified cybersecurity program*
- **Senate Bill 221** – Sen. Uecker – Pending in Government Accountability and Oversight
 - *To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof*
- **Senate Bill 239** -- Sen. Dolan – Pending in State and Local Government
 - *To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments*
- **Senate Bill 299** – Sen. Gardner – Pending in Finance
 - *To allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin*

House Bill 7

HB 7 addresses several areas of tort law, primarily in regards to medical malpractice litigation. The bill codifies the Ohio Supreme Court's recent medical malpractice "apology" holding by expressly stating in the statute that an apology may include a statement that includes an admission of error or fault. The bill also permits notice of a lawsuit to be provided by certified mail (as opposed to personal service, which can be awkward for all parties). To help minimize the inclusion of non-liable medical providers in a lawsuit, the bill establishes an *optional* alternative process, allowing for a more targeted approach without diminishing or enlarging the time within which the lawsuit must be filed under current law.

Additionally, HB 7 prohibits the use of insurer payment policies and guidelines—including those of government payers—to establish the standard of care required of medical providers for tort liability purposes. The bill permits peer review of information shared with regulators, but also clarifies that disclosing the peer review information to a regulator does not otherwise affect the confidentiality of the information. The bill provides protection for certain providers/hospitals concerning good faith failure to discharge and discharge. Of final note, in the event that an epidemic or a natural, technological, or man-made disaster overwhelms emergency care providers, the bill provides for an alternative standard of liability for emergency care providers to encourage them to still provide needed medical care in such situations.

HB 7 is supported by the Ohio State Medical Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians, but opposed by the Ohio Association for Justice. The bill was reported by the Civil Justice Committee 11-2 with Rep. Dever voting "no."

House Bill 51

HB 51 establishes a procedure for the General Assembly to periodically review cabinet departments and establishes a schedule for departments that are not renewed to cease operation. The bill also modifies the schedule of performance audits conducted by the Auditor of State to coincide with the periodic review of departments.

The bill requires the Senate President and House Speaker to direct standing committees to hold hearings to evaluate departments within the first three months after a general assembly begins.

HB 51 is supported by Americans for Prosperity and opposed by Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Ohio Civil Service Employees Association (OCSEA), and Policy Matters Ohio. The bill was reported out of State and Local Government Committee 8-6 (Anielski, Arndt).

House Bill 92

HB 92 requires an offender who knowingly commits public indecency for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification, and who is likely to be viewed by minors, to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender (lowest level), which means they will be required to register annually. The substitute bill allows for judicial discretion for first-time offenders.

HB 92 is supported by the Baltimore Police Department, but opposed by the Office of the Public Defender and ACLU of Ohio. The bill was unanimously reported by the Criminal Justice Committee.

House Bill 156

HB 156 prohibits insurers from requiring vision care providers to charge a fee set by the insurer for vision care services and materials that the insurer does not even cover. The bill allows the provider to opt-in to the insurer's fee schedule, but clarifies that whether or not the insurer contracts with the provider cannot be contingent upon the provider accepting the insurer's fee schedule for non-covered services.

Additionally, HB 156 requires both the provider and insurer to disclose certain things to the patient so the patient can make informed choices when shopping for vision care materials and services. The bill also prohibits the repeated failure to disclose the required info and subjects the insurer or provider to potential discipline from the licensing board or ODI, whichever is applicable.

Providers have brought concerns that they are being forced to cap the amount they charge for non-covered services (such as a second pair of glasses) so that the insurer can provide an additional benefit to the enrollee without having to pay for it. Additionally, the optometrists argue that they often are required to obtain the vision care materials from vendors that are partially owned by the insurers. The insurers argue that the provider does not have to sign the contract with them, but they often do because they provide the benefit of funneling covered enrollees to the provider which outweighs any harm imposed by capping the fees charged for non-covered services. A compromise was made that got the National Association of Vision Plans to be proponents. The Ohio Association of Health Plans, however, still oppose the bill.

HB 156 is supported by the National Association of Vision Care Plans and the Ohio Optometric Association, but is opposed by the Ohio Associations of Health Plans and other insurance groups. HB 156 was reported by the Insurance Committee unanimously.

House Bill 189

HB 189 reduces the required hours of initial instruction to earn a cosmetology license from 1,500 to 1,000; for a cosmetology license where the applicant is a licensed barber from 1,000 to 400; for a hair designer license from 1,200 to 800; and for a hair designer license where the applicant is a licensed barber from 1,000 to 200. It also eliminates advance level licenses for cosmetologists, estheticians, hair designers, manicurists, and natural hair stylists.

In addition, the bill 1.) eliminates the natural hair stylist license, 2.) converts an independent contractor license to an independent contractor registry, 3.) revises boutique services provider registrations, 4.) changes the State Cosmetology and Barber Board membership and duties, 5.) requires the Board to adopt rules to establish an apprentice cosmetology program (who are not licensed but are training in cosmetology under a person holding a practice or instructor's license), 6.) allows distance education to meet education and continuing education requirements under the Cosmetology Law & requires the Board to adopt rules, 7.) modifies reciprocity and licenses, 8.) creates a licensure process by endorsement, 9.) alters instructor license requirements, 10.) changes cosmetology licensure examination requirements, and 10.) makes changes regarding cleaning standards and infection control.

The bill is supported by the NFIB, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Salon Association, The Charles Penzone Salons, SportClips, Great Clips, and Professional Beauty Association. The bill is opposed by the Ohio Association of Cosmetology Schools, Wezlynn VanDyke Davis, Nancy Brown from Brown Aveda Institute, and other individual cosmetologists and small salons. The Buckeye Institute is an interested party to the legislation. The bill passed GAO 10-4 (party line).

House Bill 211

HB 211 would require the licensure of home inspectors and creates the Ohio Home Inspector Board. The Home Inspector Board will consist of five members (three appointed by the Governor, one by the Speaker of the House, and one by the Senate President) and will be within the Department of Commerce. Thirty states, including Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, require home inspectors to be licensed.

HB 211 is supported by the Ohio Association of Realtors and American Society of Home Inspectors, but opposed by Namistil Home Inspections, HomeSpection Training Institute, Americans for Prosperity. It was reported by the Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee 12-2 with Reps. Hood and Dean voting "no."

House Bill 240

HB 240 will require each public university and college to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus, as well as require them to keep a record of all reports of such incidents that they receive. State universities and colleges also have the flexibility to go beyond the minimum federal requirements for such a policy.

There is no state law requiring state universities and colleges to adopt policies as such under HB 240. However, these institutions of higher education are required to adopt such policies under the federal Clery Act and Title IX.

The bill also designates April as "Respect Your Date Month" and contains an emergency clause. HB 240 was reported by the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 293

HB 293 revises laws pertaining to probationary driver's licenses and temporary instruction permits.

The bill alters from 16 to 16 ½ the age at which a person is first eligible to obtain a probationary driver's license. It achieves this by requiring the person to hold a temporary instruction permit for one year before obtaining the probationary license; the temporary permit is valid for 2 ½ years. The bill also revises the restricted time for a person with a temporary permit and probationary license between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

Lastly, the bill eliminates a court's authority to order that a parent or guardian accompany a probationary license holder who is under 17 and pleads guilty to, is convicted of, or is adjudicated in juvenile court of having committed a moving violation during the first six months of holding that license.

Under current law, the holder of a temporary permit who is under 18 is prohibited from driving between the hours of 12:00am (midnight) to 6:00am unless accompanied by a parent. The same time restrictions apply to a person who holds a probationary driver's license.

HB 293 has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Transportation and Public Safety Committee 11-3 with Rep. Manning voting "no."

House Bill 349

HB 349 equalizes the penalties for assaulting a search-and-rescue dog or horse to the existing penalties for assaulting a police dog or horse. (These presently range from an M2 for assault to an F3 if the assault caused the death of the animal.) The bill requires volunteers to be certified to train by a nationally recognized search-and-rescue training organization, program or course.

HB 349 is supported by Miami Valley Mounted Search and Rescue, Midwest K9 Search Unit, and Buckeye Emergency Response Training School. The bill has no opponents. It was unanimously reported by Criminal Justice Committee.

House Bill 355

HB 355 was brought in response to a growing dilemma for dealing with juveniles that commit the crime commonly referred as "sexting." Under current law, a prosecutor can generally choose either to not charge them for the offense or to charge them with a felony that could potentially ruin their lives. This bill outlines the crime of "possession of sexually explicit digital material," (referred to in the bill as "sexting"). Only offenders under the age of 19 are eligible for this alternative (M1) charge that allows for mandatory diversion eligibility. Those with prior offenses cannot take part in the diversion program. The substitute bill included language to make clear that prosecutors could charge for a more serious offense *if* the elements were met and they wished to pursue such a heightened charge.

HB 355 is supported by the Ohio Judicial Conference, but opposed by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association and the ACLU of Ohio. The bill was unanimously reported by Criminal Justice Committee.

House Bill 371

HB 371 exempts from property taxation any increase in taxable value of land subdivided for construction of residences until 1.) construction starts on the residence buildings, 2.) the land is sold, or 3.) eight years have passed, whichever occurs first. Changes made in committee placed an eight-year cap on the exemption.

HB 371 is supported by the Ohio Homebuilders Association and the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, but opposed by a number of local government groups including the Ohio School Boards Association, the Ohio Municipal League, the Ohio Township Association, the County Commissioners Association. The bill was reported by the Ways & Means Committee 15-3 with Reps. Green and Hambley voting "no."

House Bill 386

HB 386 makes a simple change that allows individuals to place a freeze on their credit with the three credit bureaus without having to pay the 5-dollar charge.

Given the recent data breaches with Experian and others, many people may wish to proactively freeze their credit to prevent an identity thief from opening an account in their name. Unless they can show they have been a victim of identity theft, they must pay 5 dollars. While this may not sound like a lot, they have to pay it in order to freeze and unfreeze their credit. For example, if a family of four wanted to do this, it could cost \$60 just to freeze their credit and another \$60 when they wished to unfreeze it. Removing this fee helps consumers protect their credit.

The lone opponent to HB 386 is the Consumer Data Industry Association. The bill was reported by the Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development Committee unanimously.

House Bill 394

HB 394 addresses a number of pressing issues in juvenile court. The bill maintains as mandatory bind-overs (to adult court) for children charged with aggravated murder if the child was 16 or 17 years old at the time of the crime. However, all other bind-overs are discretionary. This structure generally allows a judge to consider the circumstances around the crime rather than automatically binding them to be tried in adult court.

The bill also prohibits sentencing an offender to life imprisonment without parole for an offense that was committed when the offender was under age 18. It establishes a review mechanism for offenders in certain circumstances who receive, or have received, a definite sentence of more than 18 years or an indefinite sentence for a crime committed before turning 18. The goal of these provisions is to recognize the developmental handicaps of children in a constitutionally sound way.

HB 394 is supported by the Juvenile Justice Coalition, Ohio Judicial Conference, Office of the Ohio Public Defender, and other organizations, but opposed by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association and Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center. The bill was reported by the Criminal Justice Committee 10-3 with Reps. Butler, Cupp, and Hughes voting "no."

House Bill 425

HB 425 specifies when body camera and dashboard camera recordings are public records. If either type of recording shows the death of a person, grievous bodily harm, an act of severe violence, or a nude body, the bill allows for the person shown in the recording to consent to its release only if the recording is not a confidential law enforcement investigatory record. Provisions in the bill also protect the identity of a child in these recordings. The bill allows for court action to request the release of restricted portions of these video recordings. Lastly, the bill specifies that a public school infrastructure record is not a public record.

The bill is supported by George Speaks, City of Columbus Public Safety Department, the ACLU of Ohio, and the Ohio News Media Association. It has no opponents. The bill passed GAO committee by a vote of 12-0.

House Bill 469

HB 469 authorizes a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital for the construction of transformational mixed use development (TMUDs) projects. TMUDs are defined under the bill as multi-purpose developments that include at least one large building (either 15 or more stories high or 350,000 or more square feet in floor area) and that are expected to have a “transformational economic impact” on the surrounding area.

The credit is 10 percent of the documented development costs, and it permits unclaimed credit to be carried over for five years. It may be claimed against the state’s taxes on foreign and domestic insurance companies. The Director of Development Services (DSA) awards the credit through an application process initiated by the property owner if the estimated development costs to complete the project exceed \$50 million. The bill requires an insurance company that intends to claim the credit to purchase the right to claim the credit from the property owner. LSC estimates that each such project would result in GRF revenue loss of \$5 million or more. Also, the number of projects that may be approved is undetermined under the bill.

The bill is supported by Steve Coven from Robert L. Stark Enterprises, Ohio Municipal League, and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. The bill does not have any opponents. It was reported by GAO 12-0.

House Bill 479

HB 479 reduces the administrative burden placed on pharmacists by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), which act as third-party intermediaries between pharmacies and insurers. The bill prohibits health insurers and third-party intermediaries from requiring, or directing pharmacies to collect, cost-sharing beyond a certain amount from individuals purchasing prescription drugs.

HB 479 also prohibits issuers and administrators from retroactively adjusting pharmacy claims except when it is a result of a technical billing error. Issuers and administrators are prohibited from charging claim-related fees unless those fees can be determined at the time of claim adjudication.

Proponents advocate for the bill because it requires that patients are informed of the most affordable option for prescriptions and would limit the amount that a PBM, health plan, or other administrator may charge a patient covered under a prescription benefit plan. Proponents include the Ohio Pharmacists Association, Discount Drug Mart, Equitas Health, Epilepsy Foundation, Alliance for Transparent & Affordable Prescriptions, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to name a few.

The bill has no opponents. GAO Committee passed the bill 12-0.

House Bill 480

HB 480 clarifies that the common practice of multi-parcel auctions are recognized in Ohio law. Current law generally governs three types of auctions: absolute, reserve, and estate auctions. The bill adds a multi-parcel auction as a new type of auction subject to regulation by the Department of Agriculture. A multi-parcel auction is any auction of real or personal property in which multiple parcels or lots are offered for sale in various amalgamations, including as individual parcels or lots, combinations of parcels or lots, and all parcels or lots as a whole. This method allows

auctioneers to offer a variety of assets by an individual parcel, group of parcels, or as a whole to maximize value.

HB 480 is supported by the Ohio Auctioneers Association and has no opponents. The bill was unanimously reported by the Civil Justice Committee.

House Bill 497

HB 497 aims to protect Ohioans from "revenge porn." The bill makes it a first degree misdemeanor to disseminate private sexual images with intent to harm the individual in the image and adds possible felony offenses for subsequent violations. The bill also creates a third degree misdemeanor when harmful material is transmitted to juveniles if certain conditions are met.

Additionally, HB 497 creates a civil action that the victim may file against the offender, including a possible TRO, compensatory damages, punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and cost of bringing the action.

HB 497 prohibits an institution of higher learning from disciplining or showing bias in awarding financial assistance to a victim of this bill and prohibits licensing agencies or boards from refusing to issue a license or disciplining a victim of this bill.

This bill was amended in committee to remove provisions related to employers, which moved the Ohio Chamber and other business groups to neutral. The bill was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Committee 13-1 with Rep. Vitale voting "no."

House Bill 500

HB 500 provides additional authority to townships in a variety of areas. It allows a municipality, in addition to a township under the bill, to levy a tax for any combination of the following purposes: 1.) acquiring, constructing, or maintaining buildings and equipment for police, fire, and emergency medical services, 2.) constructing or repairing roads and bridges, and 3.) general infrastructure improvements.

A county would be permitted to levy a tax for any combination of the following expenses: 1.) constructing and repairing roads and bridges, 2.) maintaining and operating a county home, jail, detention facility, or sewage disposal facility, 3.) funding the county's share of the cost of operating schools, detention facilities, and forestry camps, 4.) preparing for flood defense, 5.) constructing and maintaining drainage improvements, 6.) establishing and operating a 9-1-1 system, 7.) acquiring, constructing, and maintaining county facilities, and 8.) acquiring or improving land. The bill allows political subdivisions to electronically certify to the board of elections a question or issue to be placed on the ballot.

The bill is supported by the Ohio Townships Association and was opposed in committee by the Ohio Fire Chief's Association. Their concerns were removed from the bill. The bill passed State and Local Government Committee 14-0.

House Bill 502

HB 502 would require public school employees to undergo training in youth suicide awareness and prevention programs once every two years, as part of in-service training.

Current law already requires that public schools incorporate training in youth suicide awareness and prevention through in-service training, but does not specify frequency.

In addition to youth suicide and prevention programs, school employees currently must attend at least four hours of in-service training in the prevention of child abuse, substance abuse, violence, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and the promotion of positive youth development every five years after their initial two years of employment with the district or center.

HB 502 was reported by the Education and Career Readiness Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 504

Current law prohibits interior designers from submitting commercial building plans to obtain a building permit without the seal of an architect or engineer. HB 504 removes this barrier by allowing certified interior designers to submit plans. To qualify to submit plans independently, interior designers must be certified by the newly created Ohio Interior Design Examiners Board.

This bill is completely permissive. One can still operate as an interior designer, however, without proper certification, interior designers would need to have an architect or engineer sign off on the building plans. Passage of this legislation will allow for construction work to begin more quickly because of fewer bureaucratic hurdles to interior designers.

HB 504 is supported by Associated Builders and Contractors and American Society of Interior Designers, but opposed by the American Institute of Architects of Ohio. The bill was reported by the Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee 10-1 with Rep. Dean voting "no."

House Bill 511

HB 511 standardizes the age at which a person can get married. The bill prohibits minors from getting married unless they are emancipated and 17 years old. It requires proof of age when seeking a marriage license and imposes a 14-day waiting period on licenses for 17-year-olds. The bill also prohibits a 17-year-old from marrying someone more than four years older than him or her.

Current law allows males to get married when they are 18 and females when they are 16. A juvenile court can also consent to allow a couple to get married younger than the minimum age when the female is pregnant and intends to have the child. For example, in 2002 a Gallia County judge granted consent for a 14-year-old pregnant girl to marry the 48-year-old father. While these cases are rare, they are allowable under Ohio law, and proponents of the bill argue that the current law provides a high risk of abuse and exploitation of minors.

HB 511 was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 540

HB 540 revises the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES). The bill requires the Department of Education to revise the state framework for teacher and administrator evaluations, based on the recommendations of the Educator Standards Board, and to submit a summary of its revisions to the State Board of Education for review. The bill also requires the State Board to adopt the revised framework by May 1, 2019, and requires school districts to update their teacher evaluation policies by July 1, 2019.

HB 540 makes several changes to the specifications for the revised framework and does not take effect until the 2020-2021 school year.

HB 540 is supported by the Ohio Education Association and the Ohio Educator Standards Board and has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Education and Career Readiness Committee 17-2 with Rep. Hood voting "no."

House Bill 543

HB 543 authorizes a county prosecuting attorney, in the attorney's discretion and with the approval of the board of county commissioners, to enter into a contract with a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission to be its legal adviser. The county prosecuting attorney would also be permitted to charge a fee for legal services agreed to under the contract.

The bill was supported in committee by the Ohio Association of Regional Councils, the Ohio Aviation Association, the Dayton International Airport, and the Allen County Regional Airport Authority. The bill has no opponents and was reported 11-0.

House Bill 551

Currently there is low participation from 16- and 17-year-olds in both construction and manufacturing fields. HB 551 would encourage participation by allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to be hired in construction and manufacturing and permitting them to use a limited number of power tools after taking federally approved safety classes.

Employers would provide training to youth prior to operation of power tools to ensure the highest level of safety. The legislation would open up opportunities for youth exposure to these fields of employment, possibly leading to greater participation in the future.

HB 551 is supported by NFIB, Ohio Manufacturers' Association, and Associated Builders and Contractors. It is pending in Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor.

House Bill 557

HB 557 licenses and regulates the practice of art therapy, which is currently not recognized under Ohio law. The bill states that the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board will regulate and adopt rules for art therapists.

Art therapists claim they have been practicing at the national level and in Ohio, but are not regulated as their own classification of medical professional. Opponents argue that creation of the

title art therapist is unnecessary and inappropriate. The bill was amended to appease opponents by removing an art therapist's ability to "diagnose." While this helped, none of the opponents have changed their stance.

HB 557 is supported by the Buckeye Art Therapy Association, American Art Therapy Association, Cleveland Clinic, and others, but opposed by the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition, Ohio Occupational Therapists Association, and Ohio Counseling Association. The bill was reported by the Health Committee 13-3 with Reps. Butler, Merrin, and Romanchuk voting "no."

House Bill 572

HB 572 aims to help correct a situation mainly affecting the developmental disabilities population.

The bill would require OPERS to grant a full year of service credit to a PERS member employed as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities if the member performs full-time services in the position for at least nine months and is paid earnable salary in each month of that year. This member must meet the conditions as prescribed under the bill in order to receive the full service credit.

The bill also opens a 90-day window for each eligible county board of developmental disabilities, in working through the county auditor, to report to OPERS the member's name and any additional information required by PERS in the form they require.

Current law grants a full year of service credit to an SERS member who is employed by a SERS-covered employer on a full-time basis for nine or more months of service within a year.

HB 572 was reported by the Aging and Long-Term Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 595

HB 595 is another "probate omnibus" bill that includes several additional changes to make Ohio's probate law more efficient, fair, and updated. The bill expands Ohio's "Slayer Statute" by generally disqualifying a person convicted of involuntary manslaughter from in any way benefitting from the death of the victim of that offense.

The bill also responds to a desire to allow individuals to pass on knowing their estate instruments are valid and mechanisms exist to ensure that private details of their lives can be kept private in a post-mortem dispute. Specifically, the bill makes clear that provisions mandating arbitration in trust disputes are generally enforceable, creates a procedure for determining the validity of a trust prior to the death of the testator, and generally prohibits a person from contesting the validity of any trust as to facts a probate court decided were valid during the testator's lifetime.

The bill also allows for the personal representative of a decedent to file an application with the probate court to release the decedent's medical records for the limited purpose of deciding whether to file a wrongful death claim, rather than having to open an estate for that limited purpose. The bill also contains provisions relating to the incorporation of trusts in wills and specifies that the

exception to the anti-lapse provisions for wills and trusts only apply to multigenerational class gifts.

HB 595 is supported by the Ohio Judicial Conference and the Ohio State Bar Association. The bill has no opponents. It was unanimously reported by the Civil Justice Committee.

Senate Bill 66

SB 66 makes numerous "smart on crime" changes to Ohio's criminal justice system. The bill adds promotion of the effective rehabilitation of an offender to the overriding purposes of felony sentencing. It removes the mandatory one-year minimum that currently applies when a court sentences an offender to a community control sanction for a fourth- or fifth-degree felony under the presumption for such a sanction. This change allows a sentencing court to tailor a sentence to the needs of the individual so they can be more effectively rehabilitated.

The bill modifies how a sentencing court calculates the confinement credit by which the prison term for a felony must be reduced, and it allows a court to impose a new term of up to six months in jail as a penalty for a violation of a community control sanction.

Other key provisions in the bill deal with allowing people to get their lives back on track so they can be productive members of society. Key to these are provisions that: 1.) modify the criteria that a person must satisfy to be eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, 2.) expand pretrial diversion eligibility with prosecutorial consent, and, 3.) expand the categories of offenders who are "eligible offenders" for purposes of Ohio's Conviction Record Sealing Law.

SB 66 is supported by ODRC, Ohio Judicial Conference, and others. The bill has no opponents. It passed the Senate 32-0 and was unanimously reported by the House Criminal Justice Committee.

Senate Bill 81

Current law only allows a retired or honorably discharged veteran to apply for a concealed carry license with documentation of proof of training for up to 10 years after separation from the military. SB 81 would remove this time limit. This legislation removes concealed carry license fees for veterans unless waived fees in a year amount to \$1.5 million. The window will close until the start of next year if the limit is reached. The Attorney General will track waived fees and report to sheriffs when the window is closed.

SB 81 also permits a current veteran CHL holder to renew the license before expiration. This is already allowed for ordinary Ohio citizens and brings veterans with a CHL into that same group.

SB 81 is supported by AMVETS and has no opponents. It was reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security 10-1.

Senate Bill 127

Am. S.B. 127 requires drivers to move over or reduce their speed for stationary waste collection vehicles with flashing lights. The bill also allows waste collection vehicles (trash, garbage, refuse, or recyclables) to use flashing lights. The bill was supported by the Solid Waste Association of

North America and Rumpke and did not have any opponents in House Government Accountability and Oversight. The bill was reported 10-0.

Senate Bill 216

SB 216 aims to deregulate burdensome policies affecting public school districts across the state and enact other education-related policies.

SB 216 revises the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) as recommended by the Ohio Educator Standards Board and compromised by various stakeholders.

The bill also revises educator licensure and employment, including grade bands, licensure in Early College High Schools, career-tech licensure, substitute teacher licensure, and gifted services professional development.

Lastly, SB 216 revises textbook costs to students and universities for College Credit Plus, removes excused absences from the requirement of a school district's determination for an 'excessively absent' student, and requires each school district to complete and file a "Consolidated School Mandate Report" by November 30th every year with ODE.

SB 216 is pending in the Education and Career Readiness Committee.

Senate Bill 220

SB 220 provides an incentive for businesses to achieve a higher level of cybersecurity through voluntary action. It creates an affirmative defense to a tort action against a covered entity because of a data breach if the entity is accused of failing to implement reasonable information security controls and the entity has a cybersecurity program that meets the bill's requirements. "Covered entity" is defined as a business or nonprofit entity, including a financial institution, that accesses, maintains, communicates or handles personal information or restricted information.

The bill requires the covered entity to create, maintain, and comply with a written cybersecurity program in order to be eligible for the affirmative defense. Attorney General Mike DeWine, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Nationwide, NFIB, Lunarline, and XLN Systems were proponents in the Senate. It is expected that the trial attorneys will oppose the bill in the House. The bill is pending in GAO committee. SB 220 passed the Senate 24-8 (party line).

Senate Bill 221

Sub. SB 221 looks to enhance Ohio's rulemaking process by not allowing informal policymaking by state agencies. This change will make the impact of agency rules more transparent. Sub. SB 221 would allow the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) to call any agency that improperly establishes rule through policy rather than the formal process. It would also allow the committee to vote to make the agency write a formal rule in lieu of the informal policy. Other provisions in the bill pertain to a self-examination process, inaction on rules that agencies were statutorily required to propose, and JCARR's ability to review rules between a 5-year rule review period.

Sub. SB 221 passed the Senate 30-3 and is supported by JCARR, NFIB, Ohio Chamber, Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries, and the Small Business Consultants of Ohio.

Senate Bill 239

SB 239 requires the regional council of governments' (COG) officers—upon forming a COG and before taking an official action—to notify the Auditor of State of its formation. Records containing the names of political subdivisions that are members of a COG or names of representatives from those political subdivisions who serve on the COG are public records. COG officials and employees are subject to the Ethics Law under this bill. Under current law, a COG is sometimes formed in order to perform any number of functions, including studying governmental problems in a region, carrying out regional development projects, and pooling government resources to provide services. SB 239 is pending in State and Local Government Committee. To date, the bill is supported by Auditor Yost, OML, and the Ohio News Media Association. The bill passed the Senate 33-0.

Senate Bill 299

SB 299 provides \$23.5 million in additional GRF funding and \$12.7 million in additional capital funding for programs that support the protection and preservation of Lake Erie and its tributaries. The additional operating budget funding will go to the Department of Agriculture for soil and water conservation districts in the Lake Erie Basin and to the Soil and Water Phosphorus Program, which the bill creates. Additionally, the Department of Higher Education is provided new capital funding that will be given to the Ohio Sea Grant Program to build new laboratory space at the Stone Laboratory and buy in-lake monitoring equipment.

SB 299 is the companion bill to HB 643 (Arndt, Patterson), which was reported out of Finance Committee unanimously. The only difference between the two bills is that HB 643 states that no more than 40 percent of the money in the phosphorus program can be used for one activity.

The bill was reported out of the Senate unanimously and is pending in Finance Committee.

Bills for Third Consideration

House Bill 7 – Rep. Cupp – Reported out of Civil Justice (11-2, Dever)
o *Address medical claims and provider immunities*

House Bill 51 – Rep. Faber – Reported out of State and Local Government (8-6, Anielski, Arndt)
o Review and sunset cabinet departments

- **Brad**
- **OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 92 – Rep. Schaffer – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
o *Require public indecency before minors offenders to register*

- **Sarah**
- **OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 156 – Rep. Schuring – Reported out of Insurance (11-0)
o Address vision care insurance limits

House Bill 189 – Rep. Roegner, Reece – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (10-4, party line)
o *Change Cosmetology Licensing Law*

- **Libby**
- **TEMPLATE/OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 211 – Rep. Hughes – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor (12-2, Hood, Dean)
o License home inspectors

House Bill 240 – Rep. Barnes – Reported out of Higher Education and Workforce Development (12-0)
o Require state higher ed to adopt sex offense policies

House Bill 293 – Rep. Scherer, Sheehy – Reported out of Transportation and Public Safety (11-3, Manning)
o Alter time periods pertaining to new drivers

- **Alex**
- **OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 349 – Reps. LaTourette – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
o Increase and expand crime of assaulting a police animal

- **Cora**
- **TEMPLATE/OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 355 – Reps. Hill, Rezabek – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
o Prohibits sexting if under 21 but allows diversion from penalty

- **Carolyn**
- **OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 374 – Rep. Merrin – Reported out of Ways and Means (15-3, Green, Hambley)

o Exempt increased value of subdivided land until building starts

- **Brad**
- **District**

House Bill 386 – Reps. Henne, Kelly – Reported out of FIHUD (12-0)

o Modify credit reporting agency fees for a credit report freeze

House Bill 394 – Rep. Rezabek – Reported out of Criminal Justice (10-3, Butler, Cupp, Hughes)

o Revise juvenile procedures

House Bill 425 – Reps. Antani, Craig – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)

o *Declare police body camera recordings not to be public records*

House Bill 469 – Reps. Schuring, Patton – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)

o Grant tax credit for transformational mixed use development

House Bill 479 – Reps. Lipps, West – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)

o Disclose drug price information to patients

- **Libby**
- **TEMPLATE/OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 480 – Rep. Hill – Reported out of Civil Justice (11-0)

o *Establish requirements for multi-parcel auctions*

- **Cora**
- **District**

House Bill 497 – Reps. Rogers, Manning – Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (13-1, Vitale)

o Prohibit disseminating private sexual images

- **Sarah**
- **OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 500 – Rep. Carfagna – Reported out of State and Local Government (14-0)

o Change township law

- **Libby**
- **District**

House Bill 502 – Rep. Anielski – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (19-0)

o Train public school educators about youth suicide

- **Carolyn**
- **OLCA/Statewide/District**

House Bill 504 – Rep. Pelanda – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor (10-1, Dean)

o Regards interior designers

House Bill 511 – Reps. Lanese, Rogers – Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (11-0)

o Change age at which can marry

- Carolyn
- OLCA/Statewide/District

House Bill 540 – Reps. Gavarone, Manning – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (17-2, Hood)

o Regards teacher evaluations

- Sarah
- TEMPLATE/OLCA/Statewide/District

House Bill 543 – Reps. Perales, Hambley – Reported out of State and Local Government (11-0)

o Allow prosecutor to contract to give outside legal advice

- Cora
- District

House Bill 551 -- Reps. Perales, Romanchuk – Pending in Economic Development, Commerce and Labor

o Regarding hazardous occupations prohibited for minors and providing training to certain minors employed in a construction or manufacturing occupation

- Libby
- OLCA/Statewide/District

House Bill 557 – Rep. Anielski – Reported out of Health (13-3, Butler, Merrin, Romanchuk)

o License and regulate art therapists

- Sarah
- District

House Bill 572 – Reps. Scherer, Howse – Reported out of Aging and Long-Term Care (11-0)

o Regards PERS service credit for nonteaching DD board employees

- Alex
- District

House Bill 595 – Reps. Cupp, Rezabek – Reported out of Civil Justice (12-0)

o Revise law of wills, trusts, and suspicious deaths

Senate Bill 66 – Sens. Eklund, Tavares – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)

o Modify criminal sentencing and corrections law

Senate Bill 81 – Sen. Terhar – Reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security (10-1)

o Revise licensing rules for military personnel concealed carry

Senate Bill 127 – Sen. LaRose – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (10-0)

o Require actions when driver approaches waste collection vehicle

Senate Bill 216 – Sen. Huffman – Pending in Education and Career Readiness

o To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs

Senate Bill 220 – Sens. Hackett, Bacon – Pending in Government Accountability and Oversight

- *To provide a legal safe harbor to covered entities that implement a specified cybersecurity program*

Senate Bill 221 – Sen. Uecker – Pending in Government Accountability and Oversight

- *To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof*

Senate Bill 239 -- Sen. Dolan – Pending in State and Local Government

- *To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments*

Senate Bill 299 – Sen. Gardner – Pending in Finance

- *To allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin*

- **Brad**

- **Arndt--OLCA/Statewide/District—other regional members?**

Henson, Libby

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WELCOME

When you get a free minute, please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome the newest members of our team.



Tyler Herrmann, Deputy Legal Counsel / Policy Advisor

Tyler is from Harrison, Ohio and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati and a Political Science degree from Wright State University. Tyler served in the United States Air Force as an Operations Intelligence Analyst NCO and currently serves as a JAG Attorney for the United States Army. He currently presides as the Chairman for the Ohio Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association, and as the Treasurer for the Cap City Young Republicans. Tyler transferred to the House from the Attorney General's Office where he served as an Assistant Attorney General within the Executive Agencies Section.



James Kennedy, LA Merrin

James is from Palm City, Florida and an alum of Florida, Atlantic University where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. While in college he had the opportunity to serve as a Tax and Fiscal Policy Intern for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). James has an extensive research background serving as a Legal Research Analyst Intern for the Buckeye Institute and as a Political-Military Analyst Intern for the Hudson Institute. Prior to arriving to the House, he served as a Legislative Assistant for the Tennessee Legislation Service in Nashville. In James' free time, he enjoys collecting sports memorabilia and claims to have personally met nearly every major league baseball superstar.



Lauren Reid, LA Butler

Lauren is from Madison, Connecticut, and recently graduated from the University of Dayton with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in Spanish. While at Dayton, she served as a Statehouse Civic Scholar, where she was assigned an internship working for the Governor's communication team. Lauren had the unique experience of traveling to Segovia, Spain, where she participated in a four-week immersion program. During the winter months whenever she gets the opportunity, she enjoys to snowmobile.

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Hi team,

A lot of bills on the floor for Wednesday. I gave each of us three. We'll discuss more tomorrow.

Thanks!

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 - o Require dispensing of prescription drugs in lockable container
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 - o *Enact Reagan Tokes Act-indefinite prison terms/GPS monitoring*
- ☐ **House Bill 552** – Rep. LaTourette – Reported out of State and Local Government (11-2, Becker, Dean) **CORA**
 - o Regulate chemical capture and euthanasia of animals
- ☐ **Senate Bill 257** – Sens. Uecker, O'Brien – Reported out of Energy and Natural Resources (12-0) **NA**
 - o Changes to hunting and fishing laws
- ☐ **Senate Bill 4** – Sens. Kunze, Oelslager – Reported out of Criminal Justice (10-3, Butler, Lang, Seitz) **NA**
 - o Expand expungement and intervention
- ☐ **Senate Bill 86** – Sen. Hackett – Reported out of State and Local Government (13-0) **NA**
 - o *Designate Ohio National Missing Children's Day*



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Snapshots

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HB 58 offers flexibility to school districts in their desire to incorporate a model-cursive writing curriculum for students in grades K-5.

There is no current requirement under the most recent (2017) adopted English Language Arts (ELA) standards, although ODE does encourage the practice of it in grades K-5.

HB 58 has no opponents and was reported by the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee unanimously.

House Bill 139

HB 139 eliminates the disclosure exemption for any permanently retained public record 100 years after the date of its creation, except for records protected by attorney-client privilege, trial preparation records, and certain adoption records. This will give interested individuals access to these records.

The bill will help facilitate discovery of family heritage and/or regional history. HB 139 is supported by the County Archivists and Records Managers Association, the National Archives & Records Administration Office, Public Children Services Association of Ohio, and the Ohio News Media Association; there were no opponents. It was reported by the State and Local Government Committee unanimously.

House Bill 296

HB 296 was brought in response to Ohio's opioid epidemic. The bill seeks to crack down on those who target some of Ohio's most vulnerable residents by enhancing penalties for certain drug trafficking offenses committed in the vicinity of a community addiction services provider.

HB 296 is supported by the Wood County Prosecutors Office and local behavioral health centers, opposed by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender and ACLU Ohio. The bill was unanimously reported out of the Criminal Justice Committee.

House Bill 342

HB 342 seeks to clarify ballot language for voters. The bill would require, in election notices and ballot language, that property tax rates be described in terms of dollars of tax owed per \$100,000 of fair market value, in place of per \$100 of taxable value in current law. Also, in place of statements of tax rates in mills for each one dollar of valuation, the bill would substitute "taxable value" for "valuation" in current law. The changes would go into effect for elections held in 2019 and thereafter.

The bill is supported by the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, Ohio Manufactured Homes Association, Americans for Prosperity, and the Union County Board of Commissioners. The bill is opposed by the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, Ohio School Boards Association, and the Buckeye Administration of School Administrators. HB 342 was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee 8-2.

House Bill 361

HB 361 increases the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints from 90 days after a complaint is filed to 180 days after the last day when a complaint may be filed.

HB 361 is supported by the Cuyahoga County Board of Revision's Administrator, the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, the County Auditor's Association, and the Ohio Municipal League. The bill has no opponents. It was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee unanimously.

House Bill 383

HB 383 requires a child care provider licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to notify parents if the Department determines that the provider created a serious risk to a child's health or safety.

This was brought forward by a parent in Rep. Carfagna's district who had a daycare lose their child. He was later found safely in Westerville. The incident was investigated by ODJFS and the report was published online, but the daycare had no responsibility to notify the parents of the other children at the daycare of the incident. This bill would require them to notify the parents and alert them to the investigation report published by ODJFS when ODJFS finds that an incident has occurred that created a serious risk to a child at the daycare.

HB 383 has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Community 13-1 with Rep. Dean voting "no."

House Bill 402

In Ohio, basic local exchange service is fully regulated, while it is fully deregulated in more than 30 other states. HB 402 allows Ohio to continue down a path towards deregulation of basic telephone service and collect information to consider during this change.

In the immediate term, HB 402 allows telecommunications companies to increase rates for basic local exchange service by up to \$2 per year (current limit is \$1.25 per year). After 3 years, the PUCO will issue a report on data related to this service. The General Assembly will then have 1 year to act on that report. If the General Assembly does not act, telecommunications companies will be able to apply to the PUCO for full pricing flexibility.

HB 402 is supported by the Ohio Telecommunications Association, CenturyLink, AT&T, Windstream, and Ohio Rural Broadband Association of Member Companies. The bill is opposed by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, the Ohio Poverty Law Center, and AARP. It was reported by the Public Utilities Committee 12-7.

House Bill 406

HB 406 adds forensic mental health providers, mental health evaluation providers, and regional psychiatric hospital employees to the list of professions whose residential and familial information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law in order to keep these professionals safe from harm.

HB 406 is supported by the Ohio Forensic Evaluation Center Directors. The bill has no opponents. It was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee unanimously.

House Bill 454

HB 454 requires a township to offer compensation to owners of certain unused cemetery lots or rights who come forward before the lot or right is reclaimed. The bill also requires a township to publish on its website the notice required under continuing law before reentering a lot.

Under continuing law, a township may reclaim its interest in an unused "pre-1986" cemetery lot if the township provides notice to the owner and the owner does not respond within 90 days. The bill increases this period to 180 days and provides that, if an owner responds during that time period, the township must offer to (1) allow the owner to retain or renew their interest in the lot, (2) provide the owner a different lot or right at no cost, or (3) provide the owner 80% of the owner's original purchase price. The bill also allows a township, at any point, to repurchase a pre-1986 lot from the owner for a mutually agreed-upon price.

HB 454 was reported by the State and Local Government Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 477

HB 477 purely aims to clean up expired education law located in Chapter 33 of the Ohio Revised Code. There were no opponents to the bill and it was thoroughly vetted with relevant education stakeholders in the field. HB 477 was reported by the Education and Career Readiness Committee unanimously.

House Bill 494

Under most circumstances, outside of certain exceptions, HB 494 considers a franchisor not to be an employer of a franchisee or a franchisee's employee for purposes of the minimum wage and overtime laws, the Bimonthly Pay Law, the Workers' Compensation Law, the Unemployment Compensation Law, and the Income Tax Law. The bill considers a franchisor to be the employer

of a franchisee or a franchisee's employees if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the franchisor exercises a type or degree of control over the franchisee or the franchisee's employees that is not customary in a franchise relationship. It also allows a franchisor to agree in writing to assume the role of an employer with respect to a franchisee or a franchisee's employees.

HB 494 is supported by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Restaurant Association, the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association, and NFIB. The bill has no opponents. It was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee 10-3.

House Bill 513

HB 513 would provide an enhanced homestead exemption for a surviving spouse of a public service officer – peace officer, firefighter, first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, and paramedic – killed in the line of duty, equal to real property taxes otherwise due up to \$50,000 of market value of the surviving spouse's primary residence.

The bill received proponent testimony from the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters and Clarence Mingo, Franklin County Auditor; it has no opponents. HB 513 was reported unanimously out of Ways and Means Committee.

House Bill 522

HB 522 allows an F-class liquor permit holder (applies to a festival-type event that has a short duration) to sell beer or intoxicating liquor in an outdoor refreshment area, which is an area where a person may purchase alcohol from a designated liquor permit holder and walk around outdoors. The bill also requires the Division of Liquor Control to issue an outdoor refreshment area designation to an F-class permit holder if the permit holder meets certain conditions.

HB 522 is supported by the Wholesale Beer and Wine Association of Ohio and has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee unanimously.

House Bill 531

HB 531 removes limitations on the amount of sports event grants that may be awarded in a fiscal year or for a specific event by diverting state sales tax receipts into a custodial fund. The bill was amended in committee to clarify that support could go to a number of sports, including football, auto racing, rugby, cricket, horse racing, boxing, baseball or any sport that is governed by an international federation and included in premier international competitions.

HB 531 is supported by the Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association, Ohio professional sports teams, the Greater Cleveland and Columbus Sports Commissions, Ohio State Athletics, and AAA and has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee unanimously.

House Bill 541

HB 541 permits health professionals licensed in other states to provide services without compensation at charitable events in Ohio for up to 7 days. If there is a difference in scope of practice for that provider between Ohio and the state in which they are licensed, they are bound to Ohio's scope of practice while providing services at the charitable event. The appropriate licensing board also may discipline the provider if necessary while practicing in Ohio at the charitable event.

HB 541 has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Health Committee unanimously.

House Bill 548

HB 548 permits a person to wear earplugs for hearing protection while the person is operating a motorcycle.

Under current law, a person is prohibited from wearing earphones or earplugs on both ears while operating any motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, except in specified circumstances. Current law, unchanged by the bill, also specifies that wearing earphones or earplugs while operating a motor vehicle is a minor misdemeanor, unless a person falls under one of the exceptions,.

HB has no opponents and was reported by the Transportation and Public Safety Committee unanimously.

House Bill 231

In continuing the fight against the opioid epidemic and prescription drug abuse, HB 231 requires, if an appropriation is made, the State Board of Pharmacy to operate a two-year pilot program to dispense schedule II controlled substances in lockable or tamper-evident containers.

Many Ohioans suffering from addiction admit their problem started with prescription pill abuse, and pilfering is a common means for people, especially young people, to access prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them. HB 231 is designed to decrease pilfering and alert others when medication comes up missing. Operation of the pilot program is contingent on the General Assembly appropriating funds for this purpose.

After changes in committee, HB 231 has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Health Committee 15-3 with Reps. Antani, Butler, and Edwards voting "no."

House Bill 365

HB 365 was brought in response to the death of Reagan Tokes – an OSU student that was murdered in 2017 by a felon that was recently released from prison and on a GPS monitoring device. The bill returns Ohio to indeterminate sentencing – a sentence that assigns a range of jail time rather than a set amount – regarding first and second-degree felonies (and specified third degree felonies) and makes provisions to increase the efficacy of GPS monitoring.

HB 365 is supported by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association, ACTION Ohio Coalition for Battered Women, and American Court Services, but opposed by the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. The bill was reported by the Criminal Justice Committee 12-1 with Rep. Lang voting "no."

House Bill 552

After collaboration with interested parties, HB 552 makes several changes related to companion animals.

First, it allows dog wardens to use a tranquilizer gun to capture animals without having a veterinarian present. In the absence of a veterinarian, the current options are to try to manage a potentially dangerous dog with a control pole or, if that's not possible, to shoot them. The bill also includes safeguards around which facilities and/or officers are able to chemically capture to ensure proper training. This change would allow dog wardens to perform their duties more safely, efficiently, and humanely.

Additionally, HB 552 makes changes to euthanasia laws including allowing county dog wardens access to pre-euthanasia drugs and prohibiting animal shelters from using gas chambers to euthanize domestic animals. Most shelters practice humane euthanasia by injection, but a small number still use a gas chamber.

HB 552 is supported by the US Humane Society, Animal Welfare Institute, Ohio County Dog Wardens Association, and others. The bill has no opponents. It was reported by the State and Local Government Committee unanimously.

Senate Bill 257

To encourage participation and provide additional options for Ohio sportsmen, SB 257 allows ODNR to issue multi-year and lifetime hunting and fishing licenses to Ohio residents. Additionally, the bill allows a mobility-impaired person to use a broader range of vehicles while hunting.

SB 257 is supported by ODNR, the Sportsmen's Alliance, and Ohio Bass Federation and has no opponent. The bill was reported by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee unanimously.

Senate Bill 4

SB 4 establishes a procedure by which victims of human trafficking can apply to the courts for a fresh start as they seek to rebuild their lives. For individuals convicted of any of six specified offenses, including solicitation and prostitution, the bill expands the statutory language regarding the criminal offenses for which records may be expunged. This process clarifies that the provision generally applies to any offense whereby the offender's participation was the result of being a victim of human trafficking. The bill stipulates that then process is unavailable to expunge the most serious offenses including aggravated murder, murder, or rape.

SB 4 is supported by a host of individuals and organizations including Auditor Yost, Judge Paul Herbert, the Office of the Ohio Public Defender, the Ohio Justice & Policy Center, and several victims' rights groups. The bill was reported by the Criminal Justice Committee 10-3 with Reps. Butler, Lang, and Seitz voting "no."

Henson, Libby

From: Parsons, Jason
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 12:58 PM
To: House_All
Subject: Reminder: Open Enrollment 2018!
Attachments: 2018-2019 Pathways Open Enrollment.pdf; Open Enrollment 2018.ppsx

Importance: High

REMINDER: Open Enrollment 2018 end tomorrow. Please let me know if you need assistance.

From: Parsons, Jason
Sent: Friday, May 18, 2018 9:33 AM
To: House_All <House_All@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: Open Enrollment 2018!
Importance: High

Open Enrollment 2018 will take place May 21 through June 1, 2018. All changes made during open enrollment will take effect July 1, 2018, and remain effective through June 30, 2019.

Please read the information listed below, along with the attached power point, as they outline important changes for the upcoming benefit year!

Vision Plan

- **Beginning July 1, 2018, the vision plan administrator will change from VSP to EyeMed.** Employees currently enrolled in vision coverage will receive a welcome packet from EyeMed in June with two identification cards. Note, ID cards are not required when using the benefit.

Behavioral Health

- **Employees enrolled in medical coverage will receive an ID card from Optum Behavioral Solutions in June for use with their behavioral health coverage.**

Take Charge! Live Well!

- **The third-party administrator for the wellness program, known as Take Charge! Live Well!, is now Sharecare, which acquired Healthways in 2016.** The program remains the same and is being administered by the same staff and health coaches.

Below is the link to the DAS website for open enrollment:

<http://www.das.ohio.gov/Open-Enrollment>

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CHANGE IN STATUS OR DEPENDENTS, YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING DURING OPEN ENROLLMENT.

If you prefer to review a hard copy of the Pathways to Open Enrollment, there are copies available in the 12th floor administrative office. Feel free to contact me regarding any questions or concerns with the 2018 Open Enrollment.

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